

Pursuant to Charleston City Code, Article III. Demonstrations, Sections 25-36, et seq., the application for a demonstration permit you filed for April 5, 2025 has been granted in part, and denied in part. An alternate date, time, and location for the denied portion of your permit was selected and returned for consideration.

Please refer to the demonstration permit section of the Charleston City Code, which can be found at:

https://library.municode.com/sc/charleston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CICO_CH19MOVETR_ARTIXPA_DIV2PE

The following portions of your application have been approved:

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Estimated number of attendees: 150 participants per shift\Two shifts of 90 minutes each.

The following portions have been denied, for the reasons set forth below. Should you wish to appeal the denial, please refer to Charleston City Code, Section 25-45.

Date: April 5, 2025

Location: Public right of way at 900 Island Park Drive, along River Landing Drive.

Utilization of a 10x10 tent. (See page 2, City Code 25-51, #8)

Reason for denial: Pursuant to Charleston City Code Sections 25-53(a) and (b), the chief of police has the authority to restrict First Amendment demonstrations to certain areas if conditions present a potential harm to public safety and make reasonable adjustments to the time and location of a First Amendment demonstration when it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the city and its citizens. Pursuant to Charleston City Code Sections 25-44 (2) the chief shall issue a permit only if he finds that the demonstration will not require the diversion of so great a number of police officers as to prevent normal police protection. The requested demonstration will require a number of Charleston Police Officers to ensure the safety of all participants as well as the general public which are not available on the date requested due to other events occurring on that same date in the City (Cooper River Bridge Run and Credit One Charleston Open). The location requested will not safely accommodate the number of participants expected given the proximity to congested roadways and lack of barriers between participants and the roadway which poses a public safety concern for participants. Use of a tent should be requested and authorized by the City of Charleston Special Events Committee.

Pursuant to Charleston City Code Sections 25-40 the city reserves the right to require a person seeking a First Amendment demonstration permit to obtain a special events permit issued pursuant to [section 2-189](#) when the duration of the demonstration is proposed to be more than three (3) hours, when a request is made to reserve a particular public area for use, when frequent requests are made for a particular public area, when the demonstration will require any use of city resources, staffing or departments beyond the scope of the police department,

and when the city finds that requiring such special events permit is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the city and its citizens.

Pursuant to Section 25-47 of the Charleston City Code, the chief of police, in denying an application for a demonstration permit, shall be empowered to authorize the conduct of the demonstration on a day, at a time, or over a route different from that named by the applicant. The following alternate time and location is authorized:

Location Alternate: Public parking spaces (map attached) in yellow, across from 895 Island Park Drive, Charleston, SC 29492

Date Alternate: April 12, 2025.

Pursuant to Charleston City Code, Section 25-51, a permittee shall comply with all permit directions and conditions and with all applicable laws and ordinances. Additional conditions are as follows:

- 1.) While at the alternate location, group must remain in designated area (see attached map).
- 2.) Event begins at 1:00 p.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m.
- 3.) No open carry or display of deadly weapons, including firearms.
- 4.) No climbing on, standing on, or manipulation of monuments or structures.
- 5.) No attaching or hanging of signs or coverings on monuments or structures.
- 6.) No vandalism, defacing, or destruction of monument.
- 7.) Flags must be controlled in a manner not to impede pedestrian or vehicle traffic or held in a manner to intimidate or threaten individuals.
- 8.) No setup of tables, chairs, tents, or other equipment.
- 9.) Permit holder must remain on site.

Pursuant to Charleston City Code, Section 25-39, any person engaging in a demonstration for which a demonstration permit has been issued shall not violate any of the conditions or provisions of such permit.

Pursuant to Charleston City Code, Section 1-16, violation of City ordinances may result in a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or a service of a term not exceeding thirty (30) days in jail, or both. The chief of police shall have the authority to revoke a demonstration permit upon the violation of the standards of issuance as set forth in the Charleston City Code. (Section 25-49).

Pursuant to Charleston City Code, Section 25-47, a written notice of acceptance of the alternate permit is required prior to issuance of a demonstration permit. As applicant, I hereby agree to the alternative location as authorized above and agree to all permit directions and conditions, the provisions of the original application, and all applicable laws and ordinances. (Charleston City Code, Section 25-51).

Applicant Signature

Date

